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Mr. Clarence E. Case
Somerville, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th which was received this morning. The writer's experience with Mrs Jane Gibson has been such that he would hesitate to take seriously anything she would say or promise to do. While Manager of the Armour & Co Branch House at New Brunswick, N.J. my personal business relations with her, was selling Fowler Hog Serum, a serum to prevent Colera.

This product was manufactured by the Fowler Serum Co of Kansas City, a subsidiary of Armour & Co, my being Manager for Armour & Co accounts for my selling this product. Mrs Gibson had used this serum as a preventive on her hogs, always paying cash for same.

She came to me one day, wishing to purchase quite a bill of serum, if I remember correctly the bill amounted to around \$80.00 at the time she advised me that she had quite a number of hogs that were sold to go in a few days, but as colera had broken out in some flocks near hers, she did not care to risk hers becoming infected, and if we would let her have this bill on credit she would pay the bill at the time she sold her pigs which she said would be within a week or so. On this promise, the writer recommended that credit be passed for the serum she wanted. A few weeks later on when the bill was not paid, we wrote her asking for remittance, a day or so later she came into my Office at the New Brunswick, N.J. Branch House, and gave me a very pitiful story about her having signed a note for some one that had been raised from \$50.00 to \$500.00 which she had to pay and on that account she could not pay our bill just then. I asked her why she did not prosecute the person who had done this, to which she answered that he had a Wife and several Kiddies, and she felt the Lord would surely punish him for it, as she did not care to have the rest of the family suffer for the Father's wrong. After a while when we did not get our money, we again went after her, she always had some sort of a hard luck story, if it was not her pigs dieing it was a case of being robbed. About a week previous to the Hall-Mills case, our Cashier Mr E.T.Dowd called her home on the phone asking to speak to Mrs Gibson, some one answered the phone and informed him that Mrs Gibson was too ill to talk, as she had pneumonia. The same day that the murder was discovered, to be exact the previous afternoon, our Cashier again called Mrs Gibson's home, and the party answering said she was the Nurse speaking, as Mrs Gibson was too ill to talk, still had pneumonia. This call was made thru our own operator at the time, Miss Marie Shiffner, was made from my Office, and when Mr Dowd was talking he set right across the desk from the writer. Other calls he had made to her, was from his Office on the second floor of the Branch House, but all calls were passed thru our own operator Miss Shiffner, who secured the desired number called. After Mrs Gibson had become notorious in this case, the men about the Branch done quite some fooling telling the Cashier that he would be in on the case next. We all knew that Mr. Dowd feared being drawn into the case as a witness, and the men used to talk about it at times which got on his nerve.